

**RESOLUTION NO. 88**  
**Celebration of Life and Retirement**  
**Of Charlie Mae James**

**WHEREAS**, Charlie Mae James is the third of 14 children born to Viola (Pinky) Johnson and Jacob Owen Stallworth; Charlie Mae is the mother of five children, the grandmother of 13 and the great grandmother of nine; she is married to Henry T. James; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlie Mae's love of music started at the age of 7, learning to play the piano by ear; as a little girl Charlie Mae's God-given talents lead her to share her love for God through music with many organizations; starting with the church of her father, Pastor Jacob O. Stallworth, and taking her to many other organizations such as Olivette Missionary Baptist Church, Ellis Funeral Home, Ronald L Jones Funeral Home, and Expanded Minds Church; she was the full-time musician for Ted Foster Funeral home chapels for 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1969 Charlie Mae started her Ministry of Music by playing piano and teaching at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, which she did for 20 years; Charlie Mae also taught at other churches such as Lily of the Valley M.B. Church, Greater Faith, New Hebron, Memorial Baptist Church (serving there for 27 years), First Baptist Church of Chesterfield; today Charlie Mae still continues her love of music under the leadership of Pastor Leon Stewart at Inspiration Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlie Mae, a Woman of God, strong mother, and faithful wife, along with her love for music, also worked full time at Sigma-Aldrich Corporation for 28 years; Charlie Mae started working with Sigma Chemical Company in 1988, working in the Glass Wear Area; Charlie Mae's work spoke for itself, and she was promoted within the Sigma Chemical Company to a Lyophilization Technician; and

**WHEREAS**, just over 20 years ago, Charlie Mae experienced a life-changing heart operation; even in the midst of life-changing situations Charlie Mae continues to fulfill the calling on her life to share God's love through music; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlie Mae James, we celebrate you for your continued hard work in your ministry of music, the love you share with and for your Family, your love of Music, and your retirement after 28 years of hard work with Sigma-Aldrich.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to mark the contributions of Ms. Charlie Mae James. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 13th day of July, 2016, by:

**The Honorable Joseph Vaccaro, Alderman 23rd Ward**

Adopted the 13th day of July, 2016, as attested by:

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Timothy O'Connell  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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Lewis E. Reed  
President, Board of Aldermen